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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

**U.S. Documents**

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
4,979,388	12/25/1990	Needleman et al.
6,019,495	02/01/2000	Yamada et al.

**Foreign Documents**

No.	Date of Publication	Country
AU 200071537 B2	05/17/2001	Australia
EP 0 018 959 B1	11/12/1980	EPO
EP 0 355 398 B1	02/28/1990	EPO
JP 59 006306 A	01/13/1984	Japan
ZA 9406337 A	06/28/1995	South Africa

**Other Art**

International Search Report, dated June 23, 2004, for corresponding International Application No. PCT/IB2003/005388

International Preliminary Examination Report, dated February 4, 2005, for corresponding International Application No. PCT/IB2003/005388

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(as modified by the Commissioner's Notice dated July 11, 2003).

Applicants are not aware of any official English translations for some of the cited references. As such, Applicants are hereby providing brief statements which are drawn from their respective abstracts, independent claims, or drawings.

In regard to EP 0 355 398 B1 and based solely on the drawings and the attached English language Abstract this reference is pertinent because it seems to be directed to an instrument for testing shock absorbers. The shock absorber comprises a sensor to register the swinging movement of a coach body, a measured value amplifier for signal; processing and evaluation of the registered data and means for optical reproduction of the registered and/or evaluated data. The sensor, the measured value amplifier, a micro processor, a storage unit, a power supply and a printer, which are elements forming the instrument for testing shock absorbers, are included in a housing that comprises openings for introduction and extraction of printer strips and has a display as means of reproduction and a keyboard positioned on at least one surface, preferably on the above surface.

In regard to JP 2002 119532A and based solely on the drawings and the attached English language Abstract this reference seems to be directed to a method for obtaining optimum values of operation factors with nonlinear models by simple calculation, and contributes to energy consumption minimization.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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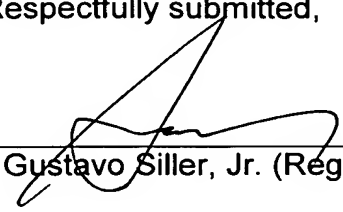
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Respectfully submitted,

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	4,979,388	12/25/1990	Needleman et al.		
	A2	6,019,495	02/01/2000	Yamada et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A4	EP 0 018 959 B1	11/12/1980	EPO		Yes
	A5	EP 0 355 398 B1	02/28/1990	EPO		Yes-Claims Only
	A6	JP 59 006306 A	01/13/1984	Japan		No
	A7	ZA 9406337 A	06/28/1995	South Africa		Yes

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)</small>	
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